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(4) The work of constructing the head sluice to the Vettuvoikal at mile 7—0—620 left Bank of Vadavar has been sanctioned under the Special Minor Irrigation Programme for Rs. 11,000 and the work is nearing completion. This will relieve the submersion of the fields under the 'Kallidaikuttai' channel.

(5) The Kallidaikuttai channel is reported to have been silted up to mile 3—1—0 from the head. This was noticed during the last closure period as there was no complaint of scarcity during the last irrigation season. Necessary action has been initiated by the Executive Engineer to remove the silt in the coming closure period.

It has also been reported that there was no drainage congestion in the ayacut and that there was no delay in transplantation and consequent damage to tender paddy crops due to floods.

From this statement, it will be seen that there is no failure on the part of the Government to desilt the Kallidaikuttai channel and to provide necessary drainage facilities, as pointed out by the hon. Member.

IV.—GOVERNMENT BILLS.

(1) THE PRESS AND REGISTRATION OF BOOKS (MADRAS AMENDMENT) BILL, 1959.

THE HON SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM: Mr. Speaker, Sir, I beg leave to introduce the Press and Registration of Books (Madras Amendment) Bill, 1959 [a].

MR. SPEAKER: The question is—

That leave be granted for the introduction of the Press and Registration of Books (Madras Amendment) Bill, 1959.

The motion was put and carried.

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM: Sir, I introduce the Bill.

MR. SPEAKER: The Bill is introduced.

V.—GENERAL DISCUSSION ON DEMANDS FOR GRANTS FOR EXCESS EXPENDITURE IN THE YEAR 1956–57.

MR. SPEAKER: We now take up the demands for grants for excess expenditure in the year 1956–57, for general discussion. Sri M. Kalyanasundaram will now speak. For how long does the hon. Member want to discuss these?

SRI M. KALYANASUNDARAM: Half an hour will be more than enough, Sir. இந்தக் கிலை பூராவும் 1956–57-ல்

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